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Applicants respectfully object to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated January 24, 2006 (copy enclosed). The notification stated that at least one amendment had been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the appeal brief filed on November 2, 2005, did not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment. However, no amendments were filed subsequent to the final rejection.

Applicants wish to extend their appreciation to the Examiner for his time and consideration during the telephone interview of January 31, 2006, with Applicants' representative, Allyson Hatton. The Examiner conceded that the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief was sent in error, and said that the response should explain this error. Applicants have complied with the Examiner's instructions and therefore request that the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief be withdrawn. It is understood that an amended Appeal Brief is not required, and so one is not included with this response. Applicants also believe that because the notification was sent in error, there will be no negative impact to Applicants with respect to Patent Term Adjustment.

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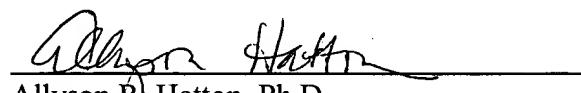
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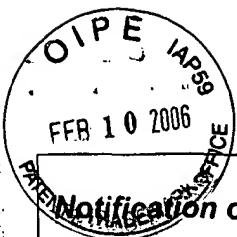
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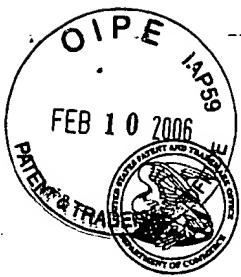
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The Appeal Brief filed on 04 November 2005 is defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 CFR 41.37.

To avoid dismissal of the appeal, applicant must file an amended brief or other appropriate correction (see MPEP 1205.03) within **ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS** from the mailing date of this Notification, whichever is longer.
EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136.

1. The brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order.
2. The brief does not contain a statement of the status of all claims, (e.g., rejected, allowed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled), or does not identify the appealed claims (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iii)).
3. At least one amendment has been filed subsequent to the final rejection, and the brief does not contain a statement of the status of each such amendment (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv)).
4. (a) The brief does not contain a concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, referring to the specification by page and line number and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters; and/or (b) the brief fails to: (1) identify, for each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately, every means plus function and step plus function under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, and/or (2) set forth the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawings, if any, by reference characters (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(v)).
5. The brief does not contain a concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(vi))
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7. The brief does not contain a correct copy of the appealed claims as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(viii)).
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9. The brief does not contain copies of the decisions rendered by a court or the Board in the proceeding identified in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of the brief as an appendix thereto (37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(x)).
10. Other (including any explanation in support of the above items):

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